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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to a final Office Action dated December 16, 2003, to which a response is due by March 16, 2004, kindly amend the above-cited application as follows.

In the claims:

Amend claims 1 - 22 as recited below.

1. (Twice Amended) A latch assembly, the latch assembly comprising:

an elongate housing having sidewalls thereto and a hook-like shaped member extending outwardly transversely thereto from an outside of a said sidewall thereof;

a pawl pivotally attached to the housing and being movable between a closed and an open position, the pawl being provided with a torsion spring member that biases the pawl toward the open position;

a solenoid supported within the housing and operating parallel to the longitudinal axis thereof; and

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